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The Bureau of Indian Affairs has received petitions from forty Indian groups seeking to be acknowledged by the Federal Government as Indian tribes. A list of the forty groups, from 21 states, is being published in the Federal Register as required by regulations made effective October 2, 1978. These regulations establish the procedures for establishing that an American Indian group exists as an American Indian Tribe.

A total of 496 Indian or Alaska Native groups are now acknowledged by the Federal Government to be tribes. These groups are located in 27 states and include 218 Alaskan Village groups. Under the regulations only those groups whose members and their ancestors existed in tribal relations since aboriginal times and have retained some aspects of their tribal sovereignty can be acknowledged as tribes. Failure to be acknowledged under these regulations would not constitute a denial that this group is Indian. Acknowledgment of tribal existence is a prerequisite to the protection, services and benefits from the Federal Government available to Indian tribes.

Groups from seven states, not presently listing any federally recognized tribes, are among the petitioners. These states are Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, and South Carolina. Other states represented by petitioners are: Alaska, California, Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon and Washington.

A list of the groups seeking Federal recognition is attached.

Alabama

Principal Creek Indian Nation East of the Mississippi c/o Mr. Arthur R. Turner Post Office box 201 Florala, Alabama 36442

Creek Nation East of the Mississippi (Poarch, Alabama) c/o Mr. Thomas R. Tureen Native American Rights Fund Calais, Maine 04106

Alaska

Tsimshian Tribal Council 1067 Woodland Avenue Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

Connecticut

Eastern Pequot Indians of Connecticut c/o Mr. Roy Sebastian Lantern Hill Reservation RFD 7, Box 941 Ledyard, Connecticut 06339
Mohegan Indian Group Mr. John E. Hamilton c/o Mr. Jerome M. Griner Attorney and Counselor at Law 47 North Main Street West Hartford, Connecticut 06107

Delaware

Nanticoke Indian Association c/o Mr. Kenneth S. Clark Route 1, Box 107A Millsboro, Delaware 19966

California

Antelope Valley Indian Community c/o Mr. Wesley Dick
Post Office Box 35
Colesville, California 96107

Ione Band c/o Mrs. Bernice
Villa Route 1, Box 191 Ione, California 95640

Mono Lake Indian Community c/o Mr. William J. Anderson
Post Office Box 237
Lee Vining, California 93541

Plumas County Indians, Inc. c/o Mr. John R. Lewis
Post Office Box 833
206 Main Street
Greenville, California 95947

Colorado

Munsee Thames River Delaware c/o Mr. William Lee Little Soldier
Post Office Box 587
Manitou Springs, Colorado 80911

Kansas

Delaware-Muncie c/o Mr. Clio Caleb
Church Box 274
Pomona, Kansas 66076

Louisiana

Choctaw-Apache Indians c/o Mr. Raymond L. Ebarb
Route 1, Box 168
Noble, Louisiana 71462

Clifton-Choctaw Indians c/o Mr. Amos Tyler
Route 1, Box 51-A
Mora, Louisiana 71455
Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe (Marksville, Louisiana) c/o Native American Rights Fund
1712 N Street, N. W. Second Floor
Washington, D.C. 20036

Massachusetts

Mashpee Wampanoag Route 130
Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649

North Carolina

Faircloth Indians c/o Mr. Jerry Lee Faircloth, Sr.
Post Office Box 161
Atlantic, North Carolina 28511

Hatteras Tuscarora Indians c/o Mr. Vernon Locklear
Route 3. Box 47A
Maxton, North Carolina 28364

Florida

Creeks East of the Mississippi c/o Mr. John Wesley Thomley
Post Office Box 123
Molino, Florida 32577

Florida Tribe of Eastern Creek Indians
c/o Mr. James E. Waite
Post Office Box 462
Pensacola, Florida 32592

Georgia

Cherokee Indians of Georgia, Inc. c/o Mr. J. C. White Cloud Reynolds

1516 14th Avenue
Columbus, Georgia 31901
Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe East of the Mississippi, Inc. c/o Mr. Neal McCormick
Route 1, Tama Reservation
Cairo, Georgia 31728

Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy, Inc.
c/o Mr. W. R. Jackson
Route 1, Box III Leesburg, Georgia 31763

Montana

Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana
c/o Mr. George Plummer
Star Route
Post Office Box 21
Dodson, Montana 59524

New Mexico

San Juan de Guadalupe Tiwa (Tortugas, New Mexico) c/o Diamond, Rash, Leslie & Schwartz
1208 Southwest National Bank
El Paso, Texas 79901

New York

Shinnecock Tribe
Post Office Box 59
Southampton, New York 11968

North Dakota

Little Shell Band of North Dakota
c/o Ms. Mary Z. Wilson
Dunseith, North Dakota 58329

South Carolina

Four Hole Indian Organization Edisto Tribal
Council c/o Mr. Robert Davidson Route 3, Box
42 Ridgeville, South Carolina 29472

Michigan

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa-Chippewas c/o
Eelesna M. Pastor Michigan Indian Legal
Services 3041 N. Garfield Road Traverse City,
Michigan 49684
Huron Potawatomi Band Mr. David Mackety Route
1A Fulton, Michigan 48505
Lac Vieux Desert c/o Mr. John McGeshick Post
Office Box 118 Watersmeet, Michigan 49969

Oregon

Coos Tribe of Indians c/o Mr. Russell
Anderson Box 3506 Coos Bay, Oregon
97420

Washington

Cowlitz Tribe of Indians (Lewis County) c/o Mr.
Joseph E. Cloquet 2815 Dale Lane
East Tacoma, Washington 98424
Duwamish Indian Tribe 15614 First Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98392
Jamestown Clallam Tribe of Indians
Route 5, Box 687 Port Angeles, Washington
98392
Samish Tribe of Indians c/o Mr. Robert
Wooten
Samish Tribal Office Post Office Box 217
Anacortes, Washington 98221
Snohomish Tribe of Indians c/o Mr. Alfred
Cooper
Snohomish Corresponding Secretary
5101 27th Avenue West Everett, Washington
98203
Snoqualmie Indian Tribe c/o Ms. Helen C.
Harvey 20204 112th S.E. Kent, Washington
98031
Steilacoom Tribe c/o Ms. Joan K. Marshall
2212 A Street Tacoma, Washington 98402

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